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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2006, regarding the above-referenced application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment set forth below in consideration of the remarks that follow.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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